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- According to rumors circulating among high officials of the Berlin Polizeipraesidium, the police assigned to the HVDVP (Hauptverwaltung der deutschen
  Volkspolizei) and the East Berlin Polizeipraesidium are to be transferred
  from under the control of the East German Ministry of the Interior to the
  Ministry for State Security under Wilhelm Zaisser. No date is yet known for
  this transfer. The East Berlin police are spoken of as the "blau Volkspolizei"
  (blue police) because of the color of their uniforms and to distinguish them
  from members of the Kaseniert Volkspolizei, the VP-Luft and VP-See.
- 2. On 24 January 1953 an order was issued by the HVDVP to Section Chiefs (Abteilungs-leiter) of the Berlin Polizeipraesidium to the effect that all eight Bezirke in East Berlin are to establish a board to examine all police officers. The board will consist of the Abteilungsleiter of the specific Section, a representative of the Personnel Department (Abteilung Personal), a representative of the Political Section (Politische Abteilung), and a representative of the Main Personnel Department (Hauptabteilung Personal) of the HVDVP. Following this examination of the officers, personnel files pertaining to each officer will be inspected. The date for this action is not yet known.
- 3. A new identity card (Deutscher Forsonalausweis) is to be issued for inhabitants of East Germany and East Berlin in June 1953. No details of this issue are known at present.
- h. The Penal Department (Abteilung Strafvollzug) of the Berlin Polizeipraesidium, formerly headed by Kommandeur (fnu) Henschel, is now temporarily headed by (fnu) Wittenburg.
- 1. If the border between East and West Berlin is sealed, the Soviet Sector Berlin police will be reinforced by between 2,000 and 3,000 men to be brought in from East Germany.
- 6. On about 7 January 1953 the official police bulletin stated that the owner or administrator of apartment houses in East Berlin must collect from the police the Hausbuch for his apartment house by 31 January 1953. Residents of Lauben-kolonien (small truck gardening settlements) must pick up their Hausbuch from the police not later than 15 February 1953. It is assumed that the Hausbucher will be in use after these dates.

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7. The following information has been submitted with regard to the reorganization of the city government and police which was officially announced on 19 January 1953 in the Verordnungsblatt fuer Gross-Berlin, published by the Magistrat von Gross-Berlin:

There are eight Volkspolizei Inspektionen (inspectorates), i.e., one for each Besirk (eity district) in East Berlin. The Inspektionen, which are named according to the Besirk in which they are located, are in turn divided into Reviere (precincts). The Reviere have now been subdivided into Abschnitte (sections); there are 419 Abschnitte in East Berlin, with each Abschnitt comprising approximately 3,000 residents. Each Abschnitt is headed by a so-called Abschnittsbevollmaschtiger, whose rank is either Kommissar or Oberkommissar, although in important Abschnitte the ranking police official might have the grade of VP-Rat. Approximately 200 Abschnitte lying for the most part on the sector borders touching West Burlin have already been manned; the police effectives were taken from all existing sections of the police organization. The Abschnitte were formed according to the social structure of the population and fit into the reorganization of the city districts (Bezirke), which are being formed according to the economic structure of the area. The principal duties of the Abschnittsbevollmaechtigten include the to be informed on all events taking place within his Abschnitt, following: a) to be especially concerned for SSD members, members of other political parties and the formation of subversive elements among the population of the Abschnitt. to maintain steady liaison with the SED, mass organizations, the National Front, and with the delegates of the Wirkungsbereich (area of jurisdiction) of the Begirk

With regard to the city districts and their reorganization, the following has been reported: There are eight Besirke and their boundaries remain as they were. The head of the Stadtbezirk (city district) is called the Vorsitzender (chairman) and corresponds to the former mayor (Bezirksbuergermeister). Bezirksrat (district council) is made up of Abgeordneten (delegates) of which there are 65 for each Bezirk, with the exception of Brenzlauer Berg, which, because of its size, will have 95 delegates. The delegates are to be elseted and will serve without pay. The total number of delegates is 550. The reorganization of the Bezirk into Wirks angsbereiche will mean that the organization of the Magistrat, on the local level, parallels that of the police with its Abschnitte. There are as many Wirkungs bereiche as there are delegates, i.e., 550, the Wirkungsbereiche being formed on the economic basis of the area. Since there are 419 police Abschnitte, some of the Abschnitte must include more than one Wirkungsbereich. Each Wirkungsbereich, however, must be a complete entity within the Abschnitt, and no Abschnitt may contain part of a Wirkungsbereich. An example of the Wirkungsbereich system would be as follows: if there are both VEB factories and privately-owned shops within an Abschnitt, the VEB factories would form one Wirkungsbereich while the privatelyowned shops would form another. In each Bezirksrat there is only one representative of the VP Inspektion for that Bezirk. This representative is either the Inspektionsleiter or his general deputy. 2

Comment. This is taken as further proof of the impending transfer of the police from under the Ministry of the Interior to the Ministry for State Security, and it is thought that the examination of officers will be used to weed out these officers considered to be politically unreliable.

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Comment. The system of police Abschnitte and civil Wirkungsbereiche will insure much more effective police and/or governmental control over the Local population as well as provide this control at a reduced cost to the government, since the delegates (Abgeordneten) will receive no salary.

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